



# TCI AMERICA

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product name:** 4-Methylimidazole  
**Product code:** M0636

**Product use:** For laboratory research purposes.  
**Restrictions on use:** Not for drug or household use.

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### 2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

**OSHA Haz Com: CFR 1910.1200:**  
Acute Toxicity - Oral [Category 4]  
Eye Damage/Irritation [Category 1]  
Carcinogenicity [Category 2]  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation [Category 1C]

**Signal word:** Danger!

**Hazard Statement(s):**  
Causes serious eye damage  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
Harmful if swallowed  
Suspected of causing cancer

**Pictogram(s) or Symbol(s):**



**Precautionary Statement(s):**  
[Prevention]

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not breathe dusts or mists. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection. Wear eye protection. Wear face protection (full length face shield). Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

[Response]

If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Rinse mouth. If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention.

[Storage]

Store locked up.

[Disposal]

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with US EPA guidelines for the classification and determination of hazardous waste listed in 40 CFR 261.3. (See Section 13)

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

|                    |                                              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Substance/Mixture: | Substance                                    |
| Components:        | 4-Methylimidazole                            |
| Percent:           | >98.0%(GC)                                   |
| CAS Number:        | 822-36-6                                     |
| Molecular Weight:  | 82.11                                        |
| Chemical Formula:  | C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> |

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Inhalation:</b>                  | Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Effects of exposure (inhalation) to substance may be delayed. Inhalation of vapors or contact with substance will result in contamination and potential harmful effects. Move victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Keep victim warm and quiet. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Skin contact:</b>                | For severe burns, immediate medical attention is required. Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Effects of exposure (skin contact) to substance may be delayed. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes. In case of contact with substance, immediately flush skin with running water for at least 20 minutes. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Eye contact:</b>                 | IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Eye contact with vapors or substance may cause severe injury, burns, or death. Call emergency medical service. Move victim to fresh air. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Keep victim warm and quiet. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Effects of exposure to substance may be delayed. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Ingestion:</b>                   | Harmful if swallowed. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Effects of exposure (ingestion) to substance may be delayed. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If a person vomits place them in the recovery position so that vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Rinse mouth. Keep victim warm and quiet. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves. |
| <b>Symptoms/effects:</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Acute:</b>                       | Pain. Redness.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Delayed:</b>                     | No data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Immediate medical attention:</b> | WARNING: It might be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth respiration, because the inhaled material is harmful. WARNING: It might be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth respiration, because the inhaled material is corrosive. CAUTION: Victim may be a source of contamination. For severe burns, immediate medical attention is required. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Use first aid treatment according to the nature of the injury. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.                                                                                                                                      |

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

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| <b>Suitable extinguishing media:</b> | Dry chemical, CO <sub>2</sub> or water spray. Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire fighting operations. |
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**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

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| <b>Hazardous combustion products:</b> | These products include: Carbon oxides Nitrogen oxides |
| <b>Other specific hazards:</b>        | Closed containers may explode from heat of a fire.    |

**Special precautions for fire-fighters:**

Use water spray or fog; do not use straight streams. Dike fire-control water for later disposal; do not scatter the material. Containers may explode when heated. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:**

Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Structural fire fighters' protective clothing provides limited protection in fire situations ONLY; it may not be effective in spill situations. Wear chemical protective clothing which is specifically recommended by the manufacturer. It may provide little or no thermal protection.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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| <b>Personal precautions:</b>          | Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing (Section 8). Warn unnecessary personnel to move away. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Ensure adequate ventilation. Isolate the hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel.           |
| <b>Personal protective equipment:</b> | Wear eye protection (splash goggles) and face protection (full length face shield). Wear protective clothing (chemical resistant suit and chemical resistant boots). Dust respirator. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent. Wear protective gloves (nitrile).                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Emergency procedures:</b>          | Prevent dust cloud. Do not clean-up or dispose except under supervision of a specialist. In case of a spill and/or a leak, always shut off any sources of ignition, ventilate the area, and exercise caution. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Warn personnel to move away. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. |

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:**

ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Stop leak if without risk. Ventilate the area. Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal container. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material.

**Environmental precautions:**

Keep away from living quarters. Do not let product enter drains. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Precautions for safe handling:</b> | Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist. Manipulate under an adequate fume hood. Do not ingest. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Normal measures for preventive fire protection. Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels. Keep container dry. Handle and open container with care. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. When using do not eat, drink, or smoke. Keep away from sources of ignition. |
| <b>Conditions for safe storage:</b>   | Store locked up. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep away from incompatibles. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Avoid prolonged storage periods. Store under inert gas (e.g. Argon). Hygroscopic material, store in a tightly sealed container. Store in refrigerator.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Storage incompatibilities:</b>     | Acids, Bases, Store away from oxidizing agents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Exposure limits:</b> | No data available |
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**Appropriate engineering controls:**

Handle only in a fully enclosed system and equipment. Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels. Ventilation is normally required when handling or using this product. Eyewash fountains should be provided in areas where there is any possibility that workers could be exposed to the substance. Follow safe industrial engineering/laboratory practices when handling any chemical.

**Personal protective equipment**

|                                  |                                                                                  |
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| <b>Respiratory protection:</b>   | Dust respirator. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent.  |
| <b>Hand protection:</b>          | Wear protective gloves.                                                          |
| <b>Eye protection:</b>           | Safety glasses.                                                                  |
| <b>Skin and body protection:</b> | Wear protective clothing (chemical resistant suit and chemical resistant boots). |

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Physical state (20°C):</b> | Solid                     |
| <b>Form:</b>                  | Crystal - Powder          |
| <b>Color:</b>                 | Very pale yellow - Yellow |
| <b>Odor:</b>                  | No data available         |
| <b>Odor threshold:</b>        | No data available         |

|                                             |                   |                           |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>        | 52°C (126°F)      | <b>pH:</b>                | No data available |
| <b>Boiling point/range:</b>                 | 263°C (505°F)     | <b>Vapor pressure:</b>    | No data available |
| <b>Decomposition temperature:</b>           | No data available | <b>Vapor density:</b>     | No data available |
| <b>Relative density:</b>                    | No data available | <b>Dynamic Viscosity:</b> | No data available |
| <b>Kinematic Viscosity:</b>                 | No data available |                           |                   |
| <b>Partition coefficient:</b>               | 0.23              | <b>Evaporation rate:</b>  | No data available |
| <b>n-octanol/water (log P<sub>ow</sub>)</b> |                   | (Butyl Acetate = 1)       |                   |

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

|                            |                           |                                   |                   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Flash point:               | 157°C (315°F)             | Autoignition temperature:         | No data available |
| Flammability (solid, gas): | No data available         | Flammability or explosive limits: |                   |
|                            |                           | Lower:                            | No data available |
|                            |                           | Upper:                            | No data available |
| Solubility(ies):           |                           |                                   |                   |
| Water:                     | Soluble                   |                                   |                   |
| Soluble:                   | Alcohols, Toluene, Xylene |                                   |                   |

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

|                                     |                                            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Reactivity:                         | Not Available.                             |
| Chemical Stability:                 | Air sensitive.                             |
| Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: | No hazardous reactivity has been reported. |
| Conditions to avoid:                | Air sensitive. Exposure to air.            |
| Incompatible materials:             | Oxidizing agents                           |
| Hazardous Decomposition Products:   | No data available                          |

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

RTECS Number: NI7350000

**Acute Toxicity:**

orl-rat LD50:751 mg/kg

ipr-mus LD50:165 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation:**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/irritation:**

No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity:**

No data available

IARC: Group 2B (Possibly carcinogenic to humans) .

NTP: No data available

OSHA: No data available

**Reproductive toxicity:**

No data available

**Routes of Exposure:**

Inhalation, Eye contact, Ingestion, Skin contact.

**Symptoms related to exposure:**

Overexposure may result in serious illness or death. Skin contact may produce burns. Skin contact may result in inflammation; characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or occasionally blistering. Eye contact can result in corneal damage or blindness.

**Potential Health Effects:**

No specific information available; skin and eye contact may result in irritation. May be harmful if inhaled or ingested.

**Target organ(s):**

No data available

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity**

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Fish:      | No data available |
| Crustacea: | No data available |
| Algae:     | No data available |

**Persistence and degradability:**

No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential (BCF):**

3.2

**Mobility in soil:**

No data available

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Partition coefficient:<br>n-octanol/water (log P <sub>ow</sub> ) | 0.23 |
| Soil adsorption (K <sub>oc</sub> ):                              | 33   |
| Henry's Law:<br>constant (PaM <sup>3</sup> /mol)                 | 0.42 |

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Disposal of product:   | Recycle to process if possible. It is the generator's responsibility to comply with Federal, State and Local rules and regulations. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. This section is intended to provide assistance but does not replace these laws, nor does compliance in accordance with this section ensure regulatory compliance according to the law. US EPA guidelines for Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261. The product should not be allowed to enter the environment, drains, water ways, or the soil. |
| Disposal of container: | Dispose of as unused product. Do not re-use empty containers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Other considerations:  | Observe all federal, state and local regulations when disposing of the substance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

|            |                                         |                      |                |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| UN number: | Proper Shipping Name:                   | Class or Division:   | Packing Group: |
| UN3263     | Corrosive solid, basic, organic, n.o.s. | 8 Corrosive material | III            |

**IATA**

|            |                                         |                      |                |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| UN number: | Proper Shipping Name:                   | Class or Division:   | Packing Group: |
| UN3263     | Corrosive solid, basic, organic, n.o.s. | 8 Corrosive material | III            |

**IMDG**

|            |                                         |                      |                |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| UN number: | Proper Shipping Name:                   | Class or Division:   | Packing Group: |
| UN3263     | Corrosive solid, basic, organic, n.o.s. | 8 Corrosive material | III            |

EmS number: F-A, S-B

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA 8b.):**

This product is ON the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory.

**US Federal Regulations****CERCLA Hazardous substance and Reportable Quantity:**

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| SARA 313: | Not Listed |
| SARA 302: | Not Listed |

**State Regulations****State Right-to-Know**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Massachusetts              | Not Listed |
| New Jersey                 | Not Listed |
| Pennsylvania               | Not Listed |
| California Proposition 65: | Listed     |

**Other Information****NFPA Rating:**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Health:       | 3 |
| Flammability: | 1 |
| Instability:  | 0 |

**HMIS Classification:**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Health:       | 3 |
| Flammability: | 1 |
| Physical:     | 0 |

**International Inventories**

|                     |                                                                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WHMIS hazard class: | E: Corrosive material.<br>D2A: Materials causing other toxic effects. (Very Toxic) |
| Canada: NDSL        | On NDSL                                                                            |
| EC-No:              | 212-497-3                                                                          |

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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TCI chemicals are for research purposes only and are NOT intended for use as drugs, food additives, households, or pesticides. The information herein is believed to be correct, but does not claim to be all inclusive and should be used only as a guide. Neither the above named supplier nor any of its affiliates or subsidiaries assumes any liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein. Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All chemical reagents must be handled with the recognition that their chemical, physiological, toxicological, and hazardous properties have not been fully investigated or determined. All chemical reagents should be handled only by individuals who are familiar with their potential hazards and who have been fully trained in proper safety, laboratory, and chemical handling procedures. Although certain hazards are described herein, we can not guarantee that these are the only hazards which exist. Our SDS are based only on data available at the time of shipping and are subject to change without notice as new information is obtained. Avoid long storage periods since the product is subject to degradation with age and may become more dangerous or hazardous. It is the responsibility of the user to request updated SDS for products that are stored for extended periods. Disposal of unused product must be undertaken by qualified personnel who are knowledgeable in all applicable regulations and follow all pertinent safety precautions including the use of appropriate protective equipment (e.g. protective goggles, protective clothing, breathing equipment, face mask, fume hood). For proper handling and disposal, always comply with federal, state and local regulations.